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SUBJECT: APPLICABILITY TO BERLIN OF EC TEXTILE
AGREEMENTS WITH CEMA COUNTRIES

REFS: A) BRUSSELS 11269; B) BONN 10591 (NOTAL) AND
PREVIOUS

BEGIN SUMMARY: THE HUNGARIANS HAVE INDICATED INFORMALLY
TO THE UK EMBASSY IN BUDAPEST THAT THEY CONTINUE TO
PREFER AN AREA OF APPLICABILITY CLAUSE IN THE EC-
HUNGARIAN TEXTILE AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD REFER TO EC
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THE FRG AND THE ALLIES HAVE AGREED TO MAKE THE
SAME PROPOSAL ON THE CLAUSE TO THE HUNGARIANS AS HAS
BEEN MADE TO THE POLES. END SUMMARY.

1. AT THE JUNE 13 BONN GROUP MEETING, THE UK REP
(EYERS) REPORTED ON A JUNE 8 CONVERSATION BETWEEN A

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COMMERCIAL OFFICER OF THE UK EMBASSY IN BUDAPEST AND ANTALPETER, A SENIOR OFFICIAL OF THE HUNGARIAN FOREIGN TRADE MINISTRY. ANTALPETER RAISED THE QUESTION OF TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS. HE SAID THAT THE HUNGARIANS WERE VERY DISAPPOINTED WITH THE OUTCOME OF MIKOSDI'S (AN HUNGARIAN NEGOTIATOR) CURRENT VISIT TO BRUSSELS WHERE THE COMMISSION HAD GONE BACK OVER WELL WORN GROUND AND OFFERED NOTHING NEW.

2. IN REPLY THE UK EMBOFF SAID THAT BY COINCIDENCE MIKOSDI'S DISCUSSIONS IN BRUSSELS HAD TAKEN PLACE JUST BEFORE NEW INSTRUCTIONS HAD BECOME AVAILABLE TO THE COMMISSION. THE COMMUNITY COUNTRIES WERE ANXIOUS TO SEE A SETTLEMENT OF THE TEXTILE QUESTION AND WERE SURE THAT WITH GOODWILL THE HUNGARIANS WOULD RECOGNIZE THAT EFFORTS HAD BEEN MADE WHEN THEY RETURNED TO DISCUSSIONS WITH THE COMMISSION IN THE LIGHT OF THE NEW INSTRUCTIONS.

3. UK EMBOFF ALSO SAID THAT HE HAD NOTED THAT MIKOSDI HAD PROPOSED A UNILATERAL DECLARATION. ALTALPETER INTERRUPTED TO SAY THAT AS FAR AS THE MINISTRY WAS CONCERNED, DECLARATIONS WHETHER JOINT OR UNILATERAL COULD BE INTERPRETED IN A NUMBER OF WAYS AND THAT REALLY THE ONLY SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENT WOULD BE TO REACH AN AGREED WORDING FOR ARTICLE 18. ANTALPETER SAID THAT INTERPRETATIONS OF THE EXPRESSION "MEMBER
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STATES OF THE COMMUNITY" HAD SHOWED THAT THIS WORDING OUGHT TO BE SUFFICIENT TO COVER THE COMMUNITY'S REQUIREMENTS. HE ADDED HOWEVER THAT HE WAS NOT

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EMPOWERED TO PUT SUCH A SUGGESTION FORWARD, TO WHICH UK EMBOFF REPLIED, THAT WHILE HE NOTED ANTALPETER'S VIEW, UK PREFERRED THAT NEGOTIATIONS BE HANDLED THROUGH THE APPROPRIATE CHANNELS WHERE, UK EMBOFF REPEATED,EC HAD NEW PROPOSALS TO PUT TO THE HUNGARIANS.

4. UPON HEARING THE REPORT OF THIS CONVERSATION, THE FRG BONN GROUP REP (VON BRAUNMUEHL) COMMENTED THAT HE REGRETTED THAT THE HUNGARIANS WERE TAKING SUCH A POSITION. THE NEWS WOULD ONLY CONFIRM THE VIEW OF PEOPLE IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ABOUT THE POSITION OF CEMA COUNTRIES ON THE INCLUSION OF BERLIN IN AGREEMENTS WITH THE EC. HE SAID THAT, NEVERTHELESS, THE FRG WOULD BE ASKING THE EC TO MAKE THE SAME DEMARCHE TO THE HUNGARIANS AS IT HAD MADE TO THE POLES (REF A). HE ASKED IF ANY
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OF THE REPS HAD ANY OBJECTIONS TO THIS COURSE OF ACTION.

5. THE ALLIED REPS EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR PROVIDING THE HUNGARIANS WITH THE SAME PROPOSAL AS HAD BEEN GIVEN THE POLES, BUT EYERS AND THE FRENCH REP (GAUSSOT) SAID THEY WOULD HAVE TO CONFIRM THAT THEIR CAPITALS ALSO APPROVED. (WE WERE INFORMED SUBSEQUENTLY THAT LONDON AND PARIS HAVE APPROVED.)
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